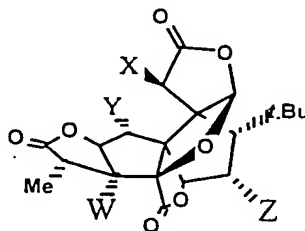


Claims

1. Use of a Ginkgo biloba extract for preparing a medicament intended to ease the withdrawal of individuals dependent on the consumption of a substance engendering dependency and/or addiction, such as in particular alcohol, amphetamines, tobacco,
5 drugs inducing toxicomania.
2. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the Ginkgo biloba extract is an extract of type EGb 761.
3. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the Ginkgo biloba extract is an extract of type CP 401.
- 10 4. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the Ginkgo biloba extract contains at least 5 % of ginkgolides.
5. Use according to claim 4, characterized in that the Ginkgo biloba extract contains at least 50 % of ginkgolides.
6. Use of a compound of general formula (I)



(I)

in which W, X, Y and Z independently represent the H, OH, linear or branched alkoxy or O-G_S radicals, G_S-OH representing a mono- or a disaccharide, or one of their derivatives or analogues,

it being understood that at least one of W, X, Y or Z represents an O-G_S radical,

- 20 for preparing a medicament intended to ease the withdrawal of individuals dependent on the consumption of a substance engendering dependency and/or addiction, such as in particular alcohol; amphetamines, tobacco, drugs inducing toxicomania.

7. Use according to claim 6, characterized in that:

- either W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents H;
- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents H;
- 5 - or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical;
- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical;
- 10 - or W represents H, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents an OH or O-G_S radical;
- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents a linear or branched alkoxy radical and Z represents H;

it being understood that at least one of W, X, Y or Z represents an O-G_S radical

8. Use according to claim 6 or 7, characterized in that:

- 15 - either W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents H and Z represents H;
- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents an OH or O-G_S radical and Z represents H;
- or W represents an OH or O-G_S radical, Y represents a linear or branched alkoxy radical and Z represents H;

20 it being understood that at least one of W, X, Y or Z represents an O-G_S radical

9. Use of a ginkgolide or one of its glycosylated, alkoxyated or acetylated derivatives, or of a pharmaceutically active salt of the latter for preparing a medicament intended to ease the withdrawal of individuals dependent on the consumption of a substance engendering habituation and/or addiction, such as in particular alcohol, amphetamines, tobacco, drugs inducing toxicomania.

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10. Use according to claim 9, characterized in that the ginkgolide is ginkgolide A or ginkgolide B.